Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A data migration support system, comprising: a computer;

a storage device connected to said computer;

means for registering identification information about an unnecessary file to identify one or more unnecessary files;

first means for determining whether a file stored on said storage device is one of said unnecessary files; and

second means for determining, for a file that is not one of said unnecessary files, whether said file is to be migrated to another storage device.

- 2. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 1 wherein said storage device can be removed depending on results from said first and second means for determining.
- 3. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 1, further comprising means for acquiring a history of file migration of files that have been migrated from said storage device to said another storage device, wherein said history of file migration is referenced to determine whether file migration of a file to said another storage device is to be performed.
- 4. (previously presented) The data migration support system according to claim 1, wherein whether or not a file stored on said storage device is migrated to said another storage device is determined by determining whether said file is duplicated on said another storage device.
- 5. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 1, wherein said another storage device comprises a storage medium that is removable.

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6. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 1, further comprising a second computer which is connected to said computer, to said storage device, and to said another storage device,

wherein said second computer comprises said means for registering, said first means for determining, and said second means for determining, and

means for displaying information to indicate that data migration is completed for said storage device.

- 7. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 6, wherein said second computer further comprises means for notifying said computer of completion of migration of data stored on said storage device when each file stored on said storage device has been determined to be one of said unnecessary files or has been migrated to said another storage device.
- 8. (original) The data migration support system according to claim 6, wherein said second computer collects information about a file to be stored on said another storage device, checks whether said file is not one of said unnecessary files, and determines whether said file is migrated to said another storage device.
- 9. (previously presented) A data migration support program for a computer system that is connected to a computer and a removable storage device or a storage device for storing data on a removable medium, the program comprising:

code for registering identification information about an unnecessary file to identify one or more unnecessary files;

code for judging whether a file stored on said removable storage device or said removable storage medium is one of said unnecessary files;

code for if the file stored on said removable storage device or said removable storage medium is not one of said unnecessary files, then judging whether said file is migrated to another storage device; and

code for, if each file stored on said removable storage device or said removable storage medium has been judged to be one of said unnecessary files or has

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migrated to said another storage device, displaying information to indicate that data migration is completed for said removable storage device or said removable storage medium.

- 10. (original) The data migration support program according to claim 9, wherein said program includes an unnecessary-file database operation program, a migration completion judgment program, and a removable device detection program.
- 11. (previously presented) The data migration support program according to claim 10, further comprising code for displaying unnecessary-file candidates and prompting a user to select an unnecessary file from said displayed unnecessary-file candidates.
- 12. (original) A data migration support device connected via a network to a first computer system that includes a removable storage device or a storage device for storing data on a removable storage medium and a second computer connected to said removable storage device or said storage device for storing data on a removable storage medium, the device comprising:

a processor;

a controller;

a memory;

a communication device connected to said network; and

a display unit;

wherein said processor registers identification information about an unnecessary file with said memory to identify a plurality of registered unnecessary files, judges whether a file stored on said removable storage device or said removable storage medium is one of said registered unnecessary files, and if said file is not a registered unnecessary file, then judging whether said file is migrated to another storage device; and

wherein, if each file stored on said removable storage device or said removable storage medium has been determined to be one of said registered unnecessary files or has been migrated to said another storage device, then said controller outputs information to said display unit to indicate that data migration is completed for said removable storage device or said removable storage medium.

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13. (original) The data migration support device according to claim 12, wherein said removable storage device or a storage device for storing data on said removable storage medium stores unnecessary-file information and a migration history as migration file information for providing data migration support; and

wherein said controller loads said unnecessary-file information and said migration history into said memory via said communication device.

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